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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director/Comptroller

VIA : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Lowenstein/Moose Report on Thailand, Laos and
Cambodia - January, 1972

1. The attachment is a Memorandum for the Record of the discussions Messrs. [REDACTED] have had with Lowenstein and Moose about declassifying the subject report. The memorandum describes the report's contents and problem areas. Paragraph 18 contains a series of recommendations about outstanding problems.

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2. I suggest that we proceed as recommended in paragraph 18 unless the addresses perceive problems.

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William E. Nelson
Chief, Far East Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lowenstein/Moose Report on Thailand, Laos and Cambodia
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1. Over the past week [redacted] and [redacted] have been reviewing the Lowenstein/Moose Report for declassification. The representatives from State and the Department of Defense are Joseph Wolf and Robert Monahan respectively. The review was conducted in the New Senate Office Building. Lowenstein and Moose have not been willing to release copies of the report to the Executive. The tentative review has been completed and the problem areas discussed with Lowenstein and Moose. Comments on the report and items requiring decision follow.

2. Attached is a copy of the Index of the report, showing areas covered in the report. Also attached is the covering letter to the report, signed by Symington. It makes the principal points covered in the report. Key among these are:

A. As the war winds down in Vietnam, it is increasing in Laos and Cambodia. U.S. involvement increases in Laos and Cambodia even as the situation deteriorates.

B. The U.S. is dragging Thailand deeper and deeper into the conflict.

C. Intelligence activities are not being properly scrutinized by Congress. This is an internal Congressional problem and should be resolved. The Foreign Relations Committee should play a larger role.

D. The letter forecasts attempts at continuing legislative ceilings on spending in Laos and Cambodia and at least U.S. personnel ceilings in Thailand.

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